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BOARD OF REGENTS

Dr. William L. Valk was elected Chairman of the Board of Regents of the National Library of Medicine at a meeting of the Board on December 13, 1963. The members saw a demonstration of demand searches by MEDLARS and discussed service policies for MEDLARS products and the Library's policy on scope and coverage of the collection.

The membership of the Board for 1963-64 is as follows:

Norman Q. Brill, M.D.	
University of California Medical Center	[1965]
Harve J. Carlson, D.P.H.	
National Science Foundation	Ex officio
Russell A. Dixon, M.S.D.	
Howard University College of Dentistry	[1967]
Herman H. Fussler, Ph.D.	
University of Chicago Library	[1967]
Alfred A. Gellhorn, M.D.	
College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia	[1966]
Henry N. Harkins, M.D.	
University of Washington School of Medicine	[1966]
Leonard D. Heaton, Lieutenant General, MC, USA	
Surgeon General, Department of the Army	Ex officio
William N. Hubbard, Jr., M.D.	
University of Michigan Medical School	[1967]
Hugh H. Hussey, M.D.	
American Medical Association	[1964]
Saul W. Jarcho, M.D.	
New York City	[1965]
Edward C. Kenney, Rear Admiral, MC, USN	
Surgeon General, Department of the Navy	Ex officio
Joseph H. McNinch, M.D.	
Veterans Administration	Ex officio
L. Quincy Mumford, LL.D.	
Library of Congress	Ex officio

Richard L. Bohannon, Major General, MC, USAF — Ex officio
Surgeon General, Department of the Air Force
Robert M. Stecher, M.D. — [1964]
Metropolitan General Hospital, Cleveland
Luther L. Terry, M.D. — Ex officio
Surgeon General, U.S. Public Health Service
William L. Valk, M.D. (Chairman) — [1964]
University of Kansas Medical Center

AWARD FOR MURALIST

Frans Wildenhain, professor of ceramics in the School for American Craftsmen of the Rochester Institute of Technology, has been named recipient of the Lillian Fairchild Award for 1963 "for his splendid ceramic mural created for the National Library of Medicine." This is the second such award for Mr. Wildenhain; in 1953 his citation read: "We found in your pottery and in all other media with which you work not only the skill of a disciplined craftsman but also the restless creative imagination which seeks constantly expression of the highest order."

The Lillian Fairchild Award is given annually to a resident of Rochester who has produced, in the previous year, "the most meritorious and praiseworthy creation of art, poetry, or literature of the imagination."

SPECIAL PHOTODUPLICATION SERVICES

The schedule of fees for photoduplication services at the National Library of Medicine has been revised. Charges for special photographic services are now as follows:

Photostat, negative, per page	$ .75
(Minimum charge, per order	1.00)
Photostat, positive, per page	1.00
Photograph, 8" x 10" or smaller	3.25
Copy negative	3.25
Film slide, 2¼" x 2¼", or 3¼" x 4"	3.25
Microfilm, negative, per 100 pages or fraction thereof, from any individual item	2.50
Diazo copy of existing NLM films, per reel	6.00
Xerox copy, per 100 pages or fraction thereof, from any individual item	5.00

No charge is made for the photoduplication of materials provided in accordance with the Library's policy for interlibrary loans. Prices for photographic services which are not covered above will be determined on an individual basis.

Payment in advance is required; all checks and money orders should be made payable to the Treasurer of the United States and sent with the order to the National Library of Medicine.

As announced in the December NEWS, librarians will begin using the standard ALA form for interlibrary loan orders at the earliest convenient date. After March 1, 1964, all requests should be submitted to NLM on the standard ALA form.

INDEX MEDICUS

The first product of MEDLARS is the January 1964 Index Medicus, which is now being distributed. This issue appears on schedule, as planned nearly two and a half years ago.

As noted in the December NEWS, the January Index Medicus was prepared by a conventional computer printer and the print appears in solid capital letters. This is a temporary expedient, made necessary by the delay of the Graphic Arts Composing Equipment (GRACE), whose delivery is now promised for later this month. The GRACE system, which will compose the Index Medicus in the more familiar upper and lower case typography, is in the final stages of calibration.

The entries for the January Index Medicus are permanently stored on magnetic tape; they will be interfiled with the entries in each monthly issue for 1964 for high-quality composition in the more permanent Cumulated Index Medicus. At present there are over 50,000 citations on the MEDLARS magnetic tape files, and the number is increasing daily. The National Library of Medicine expects to begin accepting requests for searches on March 20, 1964.

Accompanying the January issue of the Index Medicus is a third edition of Medical Subject Headings. Although revisions have been held to a minimum, certain broad headings under which have been grouped very large numbers of citations, for example, have been recast for the convenience of the user. Also accompanying the January issue is the "List of Journals Indexed," citing the 2,400 journals currently covered by the publication.

NEW DEVELOPMENT AT USBE

The U. S. Book Exchange,Inc., long an effective service for medical libraries throughout the world, begins a new era in 1964 with the initiation of a completely self-supporting system of cooperative distribution of library duplicates. Up to the end of November 1963 USBE's services to foreign medical and other libraries abroad had been supported in large part by various private and government funds - a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation to begin the work in 1949, substantial contractual arrangements with USIA and later with

AID, as well as other smaller grants and contracts. With the end of USBE's latest contract with AID on November 30, 1963, it appears that no further government funds are available for support of the work of USBE for libraries abroad. All member libraries will henceforth be directly assessed the USBE handling fees which support the work of this organization.

The new development at USBE will bring advantages for the 225 medical libraries in the United States, Canada, Europe, etc., as well as for the 1,500 non-medical libraries which have been receiving publications from the USBE in exchange for their own duplicates and which have also been accustomed to paying the service charges. Concentration of USBE efforts on the particular needs of its fee-paying members is already resulting in almost instantaneous service in providing periodical issues from stock on hand, as well as in a higher percentage of orders completed, both at first search and on back order. Further developments will probably include an increase of special services. Suggestions as to useful services from member or would-be member libraries will be welcomed by the USBE staff.

USBE member libraries in the countries of Asia, Latin America, and Africa (as well as Greece, Spain, Yugoslavia) which have been receiving USBE services through the AID contract will find a greater amount of alteration in the opportunities offered them under the new arrangement. Inasmuch as they will now have to pay handling charges for publications they order and receive, they will probably not be able to request books and periodicals in the numbers heretofore received. Foreign medical libraries with access to U.S. dollar funds may be able to order publications in some quantity and USBE is now making efforts to ascertain the availability of other block funds, from private or government sources, which may be used for handling fees for libraries in specified areas or countries. United States libraries may also wish to increase their present program of requesting publications for foreign colleagues and paying the handling fees on their behalf.

REVIEW

Dr. John B. Blake, Chief of the History of Medicine Division at NLM, has published a critical review of Francisco Guerra's monumental American Medical Bibliography, 1639-1783 in Bulletin of the History of Medicine, Vol. 37, September-October 1963.

Use of funds for printing this publication approved by the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, January 18, 1963

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